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**ACTION**

July 28, 1970

**MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER**

**FROM:** Vernon P. Vaky

**SUBJECT:** Nationalism in Latin America

Attached for your signature at Tab A is an information memorandum for the President with an intelligence report on "Nationalism in Latin America" which I think would be of interest to him.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab A.

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger

SUBJECT: Nationalism in Latin America

Attached for your information at Tab A is an intelligence report on the growing phenomena of nationalism in Latin America, what it is and where it is going. The report covers the historical development of nationalism, both as a doctrine and as a political force, and examines nationalism as a current force in Latin America, attempting to catalogue its characteristics.

The study concludes that

- Nationalism is now and probably will remain a potent force in Latin America throughout the 1970s and possibly for much longer.
- It has become closely linked with populist demands for social change and with the accelerating drives for modernization and national development.
- Nationalism is likely to spread to even wider segments of the Latin populations and, in some countries, could become the bond uniting diverse social groups in a genuine social revolution.
- Private US capital will continue to have a role in Latin American development only if it is willing to share decision-making and ownership with local elements. This will be particularly true in the sensitive extractive industries.
- Democracy and representative government will be under increasing pressure to produce. Authoritarian governments will probably strengthen internal controls in order to accelerate movement toward modernization.
- Some form of national socialism may be a phase in the development of certain countries.
- Over the long term, most Latin American states will probably move toward new forms of social, economic and political

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organization based on their own national experience and traditions. These new forms will differ from our present idea of Western-oriented representative democracy.

The study is a well-written and thought-provoking one which I think would be of interest to you. You may be particularly interested in the section on "Prospects" (p. 47) and the country summaries (pp. 21-34).

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